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Minutes for the September 28, 2021 Meeting

Present: Edgar Gay III, William Hanna, Melissa Santos, Gloria Palmer

Staff: Daisy Delano, Director and Linda Coelho, Assistant Director

Mr. Gay called the meeting to order at 1:00 p. m.

The January 2020 minutes were presented. Mr. Gay made a motion to accept. Dr. Hanna seconded the motion and the Board approved.

The June 2021 minutes were presented. Dr. Hanna made a motion to accept. Mr. Gay seconded the motion and the Board approved.

The August 2021 financial report was reviewed. Mr. Gay made a motion to accept. Dr. Hanna seconded the motion and the Board approved.

The August 2021 circulation report was reviewed. Mr. Gay made a motion to accept. Ms. Santos seconded the motion and the Board approved.

New Business:

- It was presented to the Board to make juvenile library card accounts fine free. This means a library card holder under the age of 18 will not accrue overdue fines. Ms. Santos made a motion to accept. Dr. Hanna seconded the motion and the Board approved.
- It was presented to the Board to reduce DVD overdue fines to 5 cents. Dr. Hanna made a motion to accept. Ms. Santos seconded the motion and the Board approved.
- The Democratic City Committee outside space to promote voter registration request was granted as long as it was nonpartisan.
- An organization using the auditorium requested serving wine at their event. The Board agreed there was too much liability involved with serving alcohol on the premises. Mr. Gay made a motion to add to the library's auditorium use policy that there is no alcohol served on library property. Dr. Hanna seconded the motion and the Board approved.
- The library attended this year's Hopewell Park Summer Celebration. The booth had games, prizes and giveaways. Dr. Hanna made a motion to formally thank the staff that had attended. Mr. Gay seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Old Business:

- The adjustment to library hours is working out well. The library is back to post-Covid and winter hours, which include Saturdays. We are open 64 hours per week, which is one hour over the state requirement for accreditation.

Friends' Report: None

Correspondence: None

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.
The next scheduled meeting will be held **October 19, 2021 at 1 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Linda Coelho